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# <u>Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) Guidance for Wastewater Discharge Permittees</u> <u>Affected by the September 2013 Extreme Flood Events</u>

The Water Quality Control Division (Division) prepared this guidance for wastewater discharge permittees whose operations and/or effluent monitoring was/is significantly affected by the recent extreme flood events. For further reporting guidance, you are advised to refer and adhere to the "Notification Requirements" section in Part II of your permit.

#### For facilities that are completely destroyed or inoperable for an extended period of time:

These facilities <u>are not expected</u> to submit DMRs. The permit will remain active, but reporting requirements will pause until such a time as the Division, in coordination with the facility, determines that facility operations and associated discharges have returned to a state that allows compliance monitoring and reporting in accordance with the permit. No reporting violations will accrue during the interim period.

The Division is currently aware of, and has been in contact with, a few facilities that are destroyed or inoperable. If your facility is destroyed or inoperable, please confirm your facility's status and discuss the estimated period it will be inoperable with David Kurz of the Division at 303-692-3552 or <a href="mailto:david.kurz@state.co.us">david.kurz@state.co.us</a>. For these facilities, the Division will automatically pause your reporting requirements and no additional action will be required from you with respect to DMR reporting.

#### For facilities that are unable to monitor for a short period of time:

These facilities are required to submit DMRs.

- If there is not a discharge during an entire monitoring period, mark "No Discharge" and write "FLOOD" directly on your DMR form.
- If a discharge remains but you are unable to monitor the discharge, do not mark "No Discharge" on the DMR. Rather, submit a DMR marked "FLOOD" and "unable to monitor."
- If monitoring is able to be conducted during part, but not all, of the monitoring period, report any collected data on the DMR and specifically note the actual frequency that the discharge was monitored. Write "FLOOD" at the top of the DMR form.
- If your facility participates in electronic reporting via NetDMR, follow the above guidelines as applicable. Please coordinate with the Clean Water Compliance & Enforcement Unit prior to entering a no data indicator (NODI) code directly in the NetDMR system.

In all cases, please submit a cover letter with the DMR that includes a brief explanation of the current conditions at the facility as well as the estimated time frame that the facility expects to return to normal operating conditions.

The above guidelines apply until such a time as the Division, in coordination with the facility, determines that facility operations and associated discharges have returned to a state that allows compliance monitoring and reporting in accordance with the permit. No reporting violations will accrue during the interim period.

### For facilities that can conduct only limited monitoring for a short period of time:

In some instances, permittees may have access to the facility to conduct only limited monitoring and/or may be constricted to utilizing non-EPA approved methods. In these cases, report any relevant data on the DMR and write "FLOOD" at the top of the DMR form. Please include a cover letter that identifies the specific methodology associated with the monitoring, as well as a brief explanation of the current conditions of the facility and the plan and time frame that the facility expects to return to normal operating conditions and/or a state that allows full monitoring and reporting in accordance with the permit.

## For facilities that can conduct monitoring but the discharge exceeds the permit effluent limitations as a direct result of flood conditions:

These facilities <u>are required</u> to submit DMRs. Complete and submit your DMR with all relevant data and write "FLOOD" at the top of the DMR form. Please submit a cover letter with the DMR that includes an explanation of the effluent limitation exceedance(s). For details on what to include in the letter, please refer to the "Notification Requirements" section in Part II of your permit.

For further DMR reporting assistance, please contact staff from the Division's Clean Water Compliance & Enforcement Unit:

Domestic Groundwater - Joe Campbell (303) 692-2356 or <a href="mailto:joseph.campbell@state.co.us">joseph.campbell@state.co.us</a>
Domestic Surface Water - Aly Moores (303) 692-3163 or <a href="mailto:joseph.campbell@state.co.us">joseph.campbell@state.co.us</a>
Industrial Dischargers - Kelly Morgan (303) 692-3634 or <a href="mailto:kelly.morgan@state.co.us">kelly.morgan@state.co.us</a>
Industrial Dischargers - Christy Pickens (303) 692-3584 or <a href="mailto:christy.pickens@state.co.us">christy.pickens@state.co.us</a>

Additional Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment guidance regarding flood related issues is available on the CDPHE Flood Guidance Page.